

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 086456

17

ORIGIN PM-02

INFO OCT-01 AF-02 ISO-00 DODE-00 /005 R

DRAFTED BY PM/ISO:DPASSAGE:ML
APPROVED BY PM/ISO: JR DEWENTER
JCS-J3 - CDR. STEELE

----- 085972

R 262355Z APR 74
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU
USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY SANAA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

UNCLAS STATE 086456

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MILI, XO
SUBJECT: SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN
REF STATE 78220
"FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT

QUOTE

P 072206Z MAR 74
FM JCS WASH DC
TO USDAO COLOMBO SRI LANKA
USDAO DACCA BANGLADESH
USDAO DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA
USDAO ISLAMABAD
USDAO JAKARTA INDONESIA
USDAO JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA
USDAO KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIA
USDAO KUWAIT KUWAIT
USDAO LONDON ENGLAND
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 086456

USDAO LUSAKA ZAMBIA

USDAO LISBON PORTUGAL
USDAO MANAMA BAHRAIN
USDAO MOGADISCIO SOMALIA
USDAO MUSCAT OMAN
USDAO NAIROBI KENYA
USDAO NEW DELHI
USDAO PARIS FRANCE
USDAO PORT LOUIS MAURITIUS

USDAO RANGOON BURMA
USDAO SINGAPORE
USDAO TANANARIVE
USDAO TEHRAN IRAN
USDAO TOKYO
USDAO WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND
USDAO CAPE TOWN
USDAO CANBERRA AUSTRALIA
USDAO BLANTYRE
USDAO BANGKOK THAILAND
USDAO ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIA
INFO SECSTATE WASH DC

DJS SENDS

SUBJ: SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

1. RECENT AND ONGOING ADVERSE REACTIONS TO US/UK ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE USG REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE AVAILABLE A COMPREHENSIVE UNCLASSIFIED RESUME OF SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA OVER THE PAST 4-5 YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING DATA ARE PROVIDED FOR USE AT YOUR DISCRETION.

2. SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SINCE THE END OF THE LAST DECADE HAS EXCEEDED THAT OF THE UNITED STATES BY A FACTOR OF FOUR. THE FOLLOWING DATA ARE INDICATIVE OF USSR REGIONAL ACTIVITY AND INITIATIVES TO EXTEND NATIONAL INFLUENCE AND TO PURSUE DIRECT SOVIET INTERESTS IN THE AREA.

3. SOVIET SHIP-DAYS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA 1970-73
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 086456

INCLUSIVELY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE	1970	1971	1972	1973	TOTAL
WARSHIPS	1,370	1,190	3,220	3,160	8,940
AMPHIBIOUS	300	290	270	320	1,180
SUPPORT	3,260	2,490	5,350	5,520	16,620
(INCLUDING AUX, AGI'S ETC)					,
TOTALS	4,930	3,970	8,840	9,000	26,620

4. USN SHIP-DAYS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR THE SAME TIME-FRAME WERE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE	1970	1971	1972	1973	TOTAL
WARSHIPS	872	675	967	1,291	4,006
AMPHIBIOUS	0	183	23	18	224
SUPPORT	374	479	447	744	2,044
TOTALS	1,246	1,227	1,437	2,154	6,174

5. SOVIET UNITS INVOLVED IN PORT CLEARING OPERATIONS HAVE AMASSED 4,900 SHIP-DAYS (INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE) IN BANGLADESH SINCE ARRIVING IN 1972 THROUGH THE END CY 1973

6. FROM 1968 TO THE FALL OF 1971 THE SOVIET FORCE AVERAGED 12 SHIPS, THEN INCREASED TO A STRENGTH OF 15 (EXCLUDING THE BANGLADESH UNITS MENTIONED ABOVE) AND FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS HAS AVERAGED 16 SHIPS. RECENT SOVIET PRESENCE HAS REACHED AS HIGH AS 31 UNITS, INCLUDING FIVE SURFACE COMBATANTS AND 4 SUBMARINES IN JANUARY 1974.

7. CONTINUOUS AND EXTENSIVE USE OF THE PORT FACILITIES AT BERBERA, SOMALIA, FOR SHIP MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT RESULTED IN SOVIET COMMISSIONING OF A COMMUNICATIONS STATION AND POSITIONING OF A BARRACKS/REPAIR SHIP IN THIS PORT IN 1972. OTHER MAJOR CONSTRUCTION IN SOMALIA WHICH APPEARS TO EXCEED THE NEEDS OF THE HOST COUNTRY INCLUDES EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT AN AIRPORT EMPLOYING SOVIET TECHNICIANS.

8. SOVIET NAVAL UNITS (1-2 SHIPS PER VISIT) HAVE MADE PORT CALLS TO INDIAN OCEAN LITTORALS OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS IN THE APPROXIMATE ORDER OF FREQUENCY INDICATED, REFLECTING A SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING TREND.

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 086456

TING A SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING TREND.

1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
11	18	18	35	100

9. USN VISITS TO INDIAN OCEAN LITTORALS OVER THE SAME PERIOD WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
152	135	177	161	184

ROGERS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NAVAL FORCES, DATA, MILITARY CAPABILITIES, PORT FACILITIES, NAVAL SHIPS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE086456
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DPASSAGE:ML
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740100-1023
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974049/aaaaahpr.tel
Line Count: 163
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN PM
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 78220
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 SEP 2002 by BryanSD>; APPROVED <31 DEC 2002 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN
TAGS: MILI, XO, UR
To: ABU DHABI MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005